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SUBJECT: OECD PROJECT ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF
ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES IN HARMONY WITH THAT OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (JAPANESE PROPOSAL)

1. SUMMARY: MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM LESOURNE,
RESEARCH DIRECTOR FOR SUBJECT PROJECT, IN WHICH HE
OUTLINES PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING PROJECT AND PROPOSES TH-
AT FIRST MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE BE HELD JUNE 3-4.
LETTER (A) REQUESTS NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STEERING
COMMITTEE, AND (B) SEEKS COOPERATION OF PARTICIPATING
GOVERNMENTS IN PROVIDING BY APRIL 30 LISTS OF RELATED
STUDIES UNDERWAY OR RECENTLY COMPLETED IN GOVERNMENTS
OR, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, IN PRIVATE RESEARCH CENTERS.

ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE RE ACCEPTABILITY OF PRO-
POSED DATES FOR STEERING COMMITTEE AND RESPONSE TO
REQUESTS CONTAINED IN PRECEDING SENTENCE. TEXT OF
LESOURNE LETTER FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE OECD COUNCIL
DECIDED TO ESTABLISH THE ABOVE PROJECT ON 22ND DECEMBER
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1975, AND I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU OF THE PROGRESS

MADE TO DATE AND TO RAISE A NUMBER OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT.

I MYSELF TOOK UP MY APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH ON 26TH JANUARY, AND I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO COLLABORATING WITH YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION IN CARRYING OUT THIS DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING PROJECT. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PRODUCE RESULTS OF REAL USEFULNESS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.

MY FIRST TASK HAS BEEN TO BEGIN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESEARCH TEAM, AND A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS HAVE HELPED BY SUGGESTING EXPERTS, ALL OF VERY HIGH QUALITY. I AM VERY GLAD TO BE ABLE TO INFORM YOU OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. YOSHIHIRO KOGANE AND OF PROFESSOR WILLIAM BRANSON AS DEPUTY DIRECTORS. MR. KOGANE TOOK UP HIS APPOINTMENT ON 16TH FEBRUARY, AND PROFESSOR BRANSON, WHO WILL UNFORTUNATELY NOT BECOME AVAILABLE FULL-TIME UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR, IS NEVERTHELESS INVOLVED IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT.

I EXPECT TO DECIDE, WITH MY DEPUTIES, ON A NUMBER OF FURTHER APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEAM BY THE END OF MARCH. WE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE NEED TO BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FIELDS AND, OF COURSE, FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

WE HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECRETARIAL SUPPORT, AND HOPE TO RECRUIT SOON A DOCUMENTALIST WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL FIELDS. I EXPECT TO FINALISE THE QUESTION OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION SHORTLY, AND THE FIRST ORGANISATIONAL STEPS WILL THEN BE COMPLETE.

IT WAS ENVISAGED IN THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT C(75)204 1ST REVISION, THAT THERE WOULD BE THREE MEETINGS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN 1976 - IN FEBRUARY, JUNE AND OCTOBER. THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRST MEETING, IN FEBRUARY, WAS PRINCIPALLY

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PALLY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AND VIEWS FROM THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PURPOSE CAN BE ACHIEVED MORE EFFICIENTLY BY CORRESPONDENCE AND BY DISCUSSIONS, BOTH WITH THE PERMANENT DELEGATIONS TO OECD AND WITH OFFICIALS IN CAPITALS.

I THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD AND

FRIDAY 4TH JUNE, AT OECD HEADQUARTERS. THIS WILL
ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE PREPARATION OF THE MEETING. I
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL IF THOSE GOVERNMENTS
WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO WOULD INFORM ME AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN
THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

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AN IMPORTANT ACTIVITY DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF
THE PROJECT IS TO IDENTIFY RELATED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS
ELSEWHERE AND ONE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE MEET-
ING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE THE ARRANGEMENTS
WHICH MAY BEST BE MADE TO ENSURE EFFICIENT RELATIONS
BETWEEN RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THE OECD
PROJECT.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL, THEREFORE, IF YOUR AUTHORI-
TIES COULD PROVIDE A LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL RELATED
STUDIES IN PROGRESS, PLANNED OR RECENTLY COMPLETED
WITHIN GOVERNMENT ITSELF AND ALSO, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE,

OF STUDIES BY RESEARCH CENTRES AND OTHER BODIES WHICH HAVE COME TO THEIR ATTENTION. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THIS INFORMATION COULD BE PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARIAT BY 30TH APRIL.

ONE OF MY MAIN CONCERNS, WHICH WAS STRESSED BY THE AD HOC GROUP DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE PROJECT, WILL BE TO ENSURE THAT IT PRODUCES RESULTS WHICH WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE OF REAL USEFULNESS TO GOVERNMENTS. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL, THEREFORE, IF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WOULD SUGGEST THREE OR FOUR KEY POLICY ISSUES WHERE RESEARCH COULD PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE BY PROVIDING A LONGER-TERM PERSPECTIVE TO ILLUMINATE THE DECISIONS WHICH GOVERNMENTS MAY BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE. THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP US TO BEGIN PLANNING THE FIRST OF THE AD HOC MEETINGS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WHICH ARE TO BE ARRANGED DURING THE PROJECT.

I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE, SOME TIME IN MARCH, FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO NOMINATE THE EXPERTS WHO WILL FORM THE ADVISORY PANEL. I WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO CALL A FIRST MEETING OF THE PANEL IN MAY, AS PART OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, SO AS TO OBTAIN THEIR EXPERT VIEWS ON THE DEFINITION OF THE PROJECT.

FINALLY, IN REGARD TO THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET INFORMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY WILL MAKE TO THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE WOULD DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO AGREE THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

I WILL, OF COURSE, BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT IN MORE DETAIL WITH YOURSELF OR A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF YOUR DELEGATION IF YOU WISH. J. LESOURNE. END TEXT.
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